

H.R. 387

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and referred to HPSCI.

PURPOSE: To protect the confidentiality of the identities  
of certain employees of the CIA.

APPROACH:

(i) Would limit prosecution to individuals who have or have  
had authorized access to identifying information;

(ii) Would cover unauthorized disclosures of "former" Agency  
employees or agents;

(iii) Would establish strict liability for willful unauthorized  
disclosures;

(iv) Penalty: fine of \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more  
than ten years, or both;

(v) Bars to Prosecution - Communication of Protected Information to:

-- Committees of Congress having oversight jurisdiction  
over intelligence activities;

-- Judicial Branch via court order;

-- Any Federal law enforcement officer but only upon  
order of the Attorney General;

(iv) Recipient of unauthorized disclosures would not be  
subject to prosecution as an accomplice or for conspiracy.